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1. In July 1955, the average daily loadings of the GDR Railroads were 32,137 cars, including 11,656 cars used for the shipments of coal. On the average, 3.63 days were used for one round trip.<sup>1</sup>

2. [redacted] a railroad directive designed to increase the efficiency and the profit of railroad operations. The main effort must be concentrated on the overfulfillment of economic plans and a reduction of cost prices. During the fourth quarter of 1955, an average of 600,000 tons of goods are to be shipped daily in a total of 39,000 cars. This aim will be achieved by increasing the speed of unloading operations and lowering the average time periods required for round trips to 3.1 days. Unloading operations must be performed as economically as possible in order to increase profits.<sup>2</sup>

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3. Volume of passenger and freight traffic in July 1955:

	Volume of Freight Traffic	Volume of Passenger Traffic	Including General Traffic	Berlin Elevated Train Traffic
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Number of passengers carried (in 1,000)		87,070	50,104	36,966
Pay tons (in 1,000)	15,941			
Net ton/km (in millions)	2,369			
Pay ton/km (in millions)	2,216			
Passenger km (in millions)		1,929	1,382	547 <sup>3</sup>

4. By 31 December 1955, a total of 30 serviceable electric locomotives for freight and passenger traffic is scheduled to be available. In 1956, 10 model Br 04 and 4 model 94 electric locomotives, which have been re-purchased from the USSR, are scheduled to be repaired and made serviceable again.<sup>4</sup>

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1. Comment. Since May 1955, the daily loadings of the GDR railroads have increased 117 cars daily. During the first half of 1955, the average loading performance amounted to 31,398 cars of which 11,601 cars were used for the shipment of coal. On the average, 3.4 days were required for round trips. 25X1
2. Comment. The target fixed for the daily loadings in the fourth quarter of 1955 means an increase of almost 30 percent. It therefore appears doubtful that the target will be reached. 25X1
3. Comment. Compared to the preceding months, the volume of passenger and freight traffic remained at the same level. 25X1
4. Comment. On 1 August, the park of operational electric locomotives consisted of 21 units. It is unknown if all of these locomotives were serviceable or not. The target of increase of the park of operational electric locomotives to 30 units by the end of this year is realistic. 25X1

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